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In re Application of
Gillen et al.
Serial No. 10/671,858
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For: Protective Body Vest

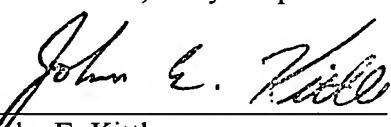
DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is in response to applicants' petition filed February 27, 2004 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(a), based on applicant's health condition.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV with supporting documentation. Therefore, the petition is hereby **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits to commensurate with the decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact John E. Kittle by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700/2900, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at (703)308-0873 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3139.


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